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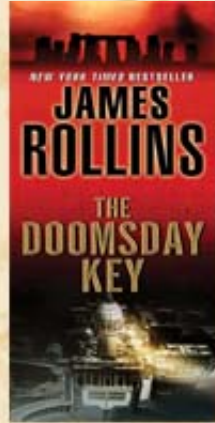
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## THE DOOMSDAY KEY (PAPERBACK)

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### The Doomsday Key (paperback)

Release Date: May 25, 2010

Sigma Force confronts humankind's greatest threat in an adventure that races from the Roman Coliseum to the icy peaks of Norway, from the ruins of medieval abbeys to the lost tombs of Celtic kings. The ultimate nightmare is locked within a talisman buried by a dead saint—an ancient artifact known as the Doomsday Key.

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#### The World Ends on Tuesday...May 25, 2010

Or at least that's when *The Doomsday Key* hits stands in paperback. I hope you enjoy the mayhem!

A few words about the new release. The book will be coming out in a slightly oversized paperback with larger print. Already some of my older books are out in this format in bookstores and grocery stores. Just between us, it still sort of freaks me out a bit when I'm buying peanut butter and dog treats to see one of my books on the grocery store shelf. Even after so many books, I can't quite believe it.

So what's this novel about? I'll let Publisher's Weekly do the honors:

*"Genetic manipulation, traitorous beautiful women, illuminated manuscripts, saints, prophecies, curses and miracles. Rollins deftly juggles all this and more as the Sigma team races from the depths of the Vatican to the outer reaches of Norway toward an explosive confrontation with the shadowy... Guild."*

A few other accolades for this book:

- "Thrill-a-minute adventure."— Fort Worth Star-Telegram
- "A must for pure action fans."— Booklist
- "Action-packed storytelling."— Sacramento Bee

So in a nutshell: Mayhem.

But just to give equal time. Here's a reader review from Amazon:

- "I could not wait to finish, so I could go watch my lawn grow!"

Hey, I can't please everyone, but it's not from a lack of trying.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported my books, shared them with friends and families. *Doomsday Key* hit #2 on the *New York Times Bestseller* list when it debuted in hardback. And the only reason that happened was because of all of you. THANKS!

Now go outside and watch the grass grow.

### IN OTHER NEWS

#### Fiction becomes Fact

As you know, I love to blend fact and fiction in my books, hopefully to the point where the line between the two blurs. But sometimes, after I write a novel, elements that I thought were pure fantasy end up coming true. Case in point...in *Altar of Eden*, I featured a snake that was born with fully articulating limbs. After I wrote the book, a story came out in the press about just such a snake being discovered in China. Likewise, in *Doomsday Key*, I created a fungal scourge that threatens the world. Months later a series of articles came out about a lethal and bizarre new fungus spreading unchecked through the Pacific Northwest and into Northern California (which is my backyard). It has no cure. To read more about these "stranger than fiction" news stories, check out my [blog](#).

Of course, in *The Doomsday Key*, I blend many other bits of fact and fiction. Like the origin of the Celtic Cross, the mysterious properties and history of peat bogs, details about Druids and their ties to Christianity and the truth behind the bizarre construction on a remote island in Norway, dubbed the "Doomsday Vault." I even reveal where to buy the coolest teddy bears in the world.

If you'd like to know more, follow me on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Over the next few weeks, I'll also be revealing a few "facts" about the science and the history of this summer's big Sigma novel. So stay tuned!

#### Chat with me Live!

When? May 24, 2010

Have questions about the series, about writing, about publishing? On May 24th, 2010 (the night before *The Doomsday Key* hits stands in paperback), I will be doing my very first Twitter interview! I'll be taking questions from my readers for an entire hour! Watch my [Twitter](#) stream for details.

Click [here](#) to get a copy of *The Doomsday Key* now!

#### Fiction of a Shorter Length

Over the past few years, I've fielded a lot of questions about how a certain character with a less-than-stellar reputation—one Joe Kowalski—ended up with Sigma. Joe made his debut in my novel *Ice Hunt*, and I liked him so much that I recruited him into Sigma. To read about how that came about, check out the short story in an anthology titled *Thriller*. It's also out in paperback.

I also published a short story, one close to my heart, about an unusual "warrior": a dog in a pit-fighting ring. The story is told from the dog's point-of-view. It's a harrowing tale, but I think ultimately redemptive. It appears in an anthology that came out in March, titled *Warriors*.

Click [here](#) to get a copy of *Warriors*

Click [here](#) to get a copy of *Thriller*

#### More In Other News

##### The Devil Colony

Get a Sneak Peek into the next Sigma adventure in my recent blog "The Long Silence (sort of)". Click [Sneak Peek](#)

##### Altar of Eden

Since the last newsletter, a lot of content has been added to the website. For one, a series of [Video](#) of Steve Berry and I on tour. I hope you check it out. Steve and I had a great deal of fun. You'll find a few links to some interesting articles and segments about [ACRES](#), the animal research facility featured in *Altar of Eden*. I also posted some pictures and videos of when I toured the grounds!

Who should Gray end up with? Click [Vote!](#)

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